

Now it's BONE-DRY OKLAHOMA! Definition: A crime to possess one drop of booze! Whee! You'll have to hurry!

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Bank Robbery.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Bank of Elgin last night. Judging from the looks of it today one would think that it was the work of amateurs and not professional bank robbers.

The tools were left lying in the vault, a hammer and a chisel among them being secured at A. Rohlf's blacksmith shop. A skeleton key was used to enter the outside door of the building, and it seems that the vault doors were opened with the chisel.

Around the right hand safe door, which opens first, some had been placed to conceal the explosives, but no explosion was made around the left door. The character of the explosion at the top of the door but did not blow the door off, so they abandoned the job, as it was possibly impossible to do anything with so large a hole.

The only cash secured was some change which had been placed in the vault after the safe had been looted. The bank officials could not get the safe open today as the wheel that turns the combination was blown off.

Tried McAnaw's Too.

On Tuesday night presumably the same robbers that tried to enter the Bank of Elgin safe broke into the office of D. E. McAnaw and attempted unsuccessfully to blow the door of his small fire-proof safe.

The glass was taken out of the rear window, and some was poured the edges of the door of the safe. A charge was then put into it which threw soap all over the ceiling and walls, but did no damage to the safe. The door which is locked from the inside was standing open this morning.

Bids On Cistern.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids up to 7 p. m. Monday evening, March 5, 1934, on the excavation work of a cistern according to the following specifications.

Depth, 16 feet, ten feet of the bottom depth to be ten feet in diameter; top to be 8 1/2 feet in diameter to a depth of 2 1/2 feet then a set out of four inches to be made, then a uniform slope during the next 3 1/2 feet of depth until it is ten feet in diameter at a depth of six feet. The center of the bottom shall be eight inches lower than at the side walls with a gradual slope to the side walls making the center of the cistern 16 feet and 8 inches deep.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Work shall be commenced within three days after the contract is let and continued steadily until it is completed, payment to be made when the excavation is completed according to the above specifications.

H. P. Wettengel.

Attended Review.

A large crowd attended the review of the Oklahoma National Guard at Ft. Bill Sunday. Probably the largest number of automobiles ever seen in one place in this part of Oklahoma were present at the ceremony, and several have remarked that this was the biggest show. One car was noticed from Houston, Texas. The street cars out of Lawton were always crowded, and many missed the event on account of this.

Among those that were remembered and have heard that have attended from Elgin, were S. M. Davis and family, R. C. Choens and family, A. W. Jones and family, O. H. Patney and family, Mrs. Anna Reich, son Fred and daughter, H. L. Cremer and wife, T. R. Bennett, wife and son Percy, Mrs. Hattie Nelson, Mrs. J. P. Kennemur, Misses Nora Hayes, Ella Hasenbeck, Ada Harrell, Gertrude Fedde, Mrs. C. M. Wolcott and son Jimmie, John Cost and family, W. P. Wolcott, Ernest Walling, Bailey Cost, Henry Hasenbeck, Clayton Myers, Joe Harrison, Earl Herr and Waldo Wettengel.

Pleasure Rides For Cattle.

Many farmers sell their extra calves at weaning time. The buyers often ship the calves to a central market where they are bought and shipped somewhere to be kept a year or more on pasture. They are again sent to market, and again shipped to some feed lot for fattening. After fattening, the cattle take their fifth and last pleasure ride. Then they go to the slaughter house.

We have noticed that at common steers usually come to the big feeder. And we wonder how beef is to be made without paying so much for ear rides which must be anything but pleasant to the cattle, and which must cause much of the loss to the feeder.

It has been suggested that most of the men who raise the calves usually have enough feed on their farms to fatten their calves. Will it not pay them to do this.

J. E. Payne.

Frederic R. R. Snyder, Okla.

New Society Organized.

A new society has been organized in Elgin known as the Work and Study Club. Mrs. A. W. Duckum has been the main one in effecting the organization and its purpose is to take up the study of some books and other topics that are of an educational character.

The second meeting was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Choens and about 20 of the ladies were present. Plans for the future work of the club were discussed and a very enjoyable time was reported.

This afternoon the club gave a surprise to Mrs. Hickman, it being her birthday.

Extensive Road Work.

Last week a large force of men, teams and graders were put into service grading the road south several miles from the F. Delozal corner one mile east of the north east corner of the reservation. The citizens of Elgin and farmers of that locality turned out en masse and donated several days' work each in order to put this piece of road in a presentable condition.

This road has been selected as the route for the Ozark trail road and it is located through Comanche county. It has also been designated as a state road by the state highway commissioner acting upon the advice of the county commissioners. So by the time the work is completed, that will be one of the best roads in the state.

The line of the road is comparatively level, with the exception of a few draws and washouts. These are all being filled regardless of the amount of dirt and work necessary to do the job. The grade must be located in the middle of the road; no curve round mounds or washouts will be allowed.

On the main track the grade is being made 32 feet wide and where the fills are being made they are 20 feet wide at the top. This will give teams or automobiles an opportunity to meet or pass at full speed.

R. C. Baker's threshing engine was used to pull one of the heavy road graders on the more level track. Two plows, two of the four horse scrapers and several of the two horse scrapers were kept going continually.

The farmers along the line and the citizens of Elgin who gave their time or hired some one to go for them deserve great credit for the interest manifested in placing this road in good condition. Those who formerly traveled this road would not know it now unless they looked at the band-lags along the farms.

To Stop Shipping Liquor.

The "Bone Dry" bill introduced in the state senate by Walter Ferguson of Cherokee, son of Ex-governor Ferguson, became a law Saturday when Gov. Williams let the five days pass in which he could sign or veto the bill. The bill will become a law within 90 days after the legislative adjourns.

This bill prohibits any person in this state from receiving any liquor from any common carriers, the sale of which is prohibited in this state, or to have in their possession any such liquors, whether intended for personal use or not.

For violation of some the law provides a fine of from \$50 to \$100 and imprisonment in jail for from 30 days to six months.

Tried A Thief.

Charles Pullen and Marvin Mercer, who are batching on the Heffer farm, came to the conclusion recently that some one was stealing their corn, so they decided to keep a close watch.

Sunday night they heard some one rattling in the corn and a little later heard the chickens squalling. They hurried over to a neighbor, borrowed a gun, and returned to go in pursuit of the thief.

After taking a circuitous route they came upon the supposed thief but decided to make a little investigation before shooting. To their surprise they had not located any thief at all. Ask the boys if their corn is still disappearing.

Won Both Games.

The Elgin high school teams played two games of basketball at Mt. View, east of Elgin, Friday afternoon, winning in both instances. The score in the boys' game was 27 to 3 and girls' game was 12 to 2.

A. P. & A. M. meets second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. W. W. Brunskill, Master; W. D. Pugh, Clerk.

Road Meeting.

A meeting in the interest of good roads was held in the Bank of Elgin Saturday night and well attended by an enthusiastic bunch of boosters. Considerable discussion was held regarding the roads around Elgin, the means of improving them and which ones should be worked first.

W. W. Brunskill, who has been the most prominent one in getting the men together, called the meeting to order. H. P. Wettengel was then elected chairman and Dr. C. M. Martin secretary of the meeting.

A resolution was adopted providing for the grading of the Elgin-Sterling road as far east as the help and funds subscribed would go, and work to begin at the Delozal corner and west to Elgin first. Most of those present then stated how much cash or labor they would donate to help push the work.

C. M. Wolcott was elected straw-boss of the gang to serve without pay and was authorized to appoint an assistant to canvass those not present for further help and funds; he appointed W. W. Brunskill.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and harmonious; a little "hot air" was indulged in at times but this was all bottled up so that none of the energy was lost. This was all uncorked out on the road at 8 o'clock Monday morning and how it did make the dirt fly.

Mt. View Squibbs.

A large crowd witnessed the Military Review at Ft. Sil Sunday. Those going from this neighborhood were Hilda, Blacks, Russels, Bowers, Renwatts and Campbells.

A sumptuous dinner was given Sunday at the home of Miss Lizette Dotson. Everyone present reported a splendid time.

Mrs. T. J. Walker, Miss Junia and little Morris, and Mrs. W. E. Walker and son Harold spent Monday at Mrs. E. E. Rust's.

J. H. Bowers and wife were callers in Lawton Wednesday.

Miss Mamie Brooks of Beaver Bend district visited a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Majors.

Misses Lizzie Dotson, Mildred Chamberlin, Merna Majors, Hilda Brooks and Merna, Tom Johnson, Cecil Brooks, Ed Schumann, Ermine and Joe Dotson spent Sunday evening as guests of Fay and Ray Black.

Herman Schumann was visiting with Milford Walker Monday night.

Misses Junia Walker, Fay Black and Milford Walker spent a very enjoyable evening Tuesday with W. E. Walker and wife.

DAISY.

On The Elgin Routes.

The Embroidery Subnet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. M. Collin on route 3.

For Sale—German Millet seed. T. A. Spencer.

N. A. Johnson and wife of route 3 are the parents of a boy born Saturday forenoon.

Carrier Jones was out working on the grading work on his route Friday afternoon and was sure laughing "way up his sleeve" to see the improvements made on his route.

C. Harris and True Baker of route 2 rode to Chickasha Tuesday where the former remained with the family of his son-in-law, J. F. King. The latter returned the same day.

Local Carriers Honored.

Rural Carriers A. W. Jones and John Cost attended the tri-county carriers' meeting at Lawton Thursday and report a very enthusiastic meeting. This organization is composed of Comanche, Cotton and Jefferson counties. Mr. Jones was elected Sec. Treas. of the association for the coming year and Mr. Cost was selected as delegate to the state convention which meets the first Monday in September, Lawton.

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Lena Rivers.

Schnyer Bros. Company arrived here Friday morning from Sterling and as per schedule presented the play of "Lena Rivers" in the auditorium that night. A fair-sized crowd attended the performance, and from what can be heard all were perfectly satisfied with the manner in which it was rendered.

Everyone is familiar with the story of Lena Rivers, as it is older than most of the young people of the present day. It is intermingled with pathetic and romantic scenes, which are enlivened by the extremely humorous parts of some of the characters.

Special interest was taken in Joel Sisco who was going down to "Lexington," and when rejected by the lady of his choice, would always declare that he was going to marry the first girl he met. "Bern me if I don't." The part of Lena Rivers was played exceedingly well, taking her through life, from a little girl in a grown woman. All of the characters are to be commended on their ability in this kind of work.

Went Shopping--Nit.

Rev. C. H. Hickman and wife, Mrs. A. W. Duckum, Mrs. R. C. Choens and Mrs. H. P. Wettengel and daughter Ruth rode to Lawton Thursday to attend to a little business and do some shopping. Among other things was paying some taxes, getting some shoe repair work done, etc., but after they arrived there it was discovered that it was Uncle George's birthday and all places of business were closed tight.

CHAMPION ads get results.

Student Church Members.

Norman, Okla., Feb. 25. — Special — More members of the Presbyterian than any other church are enrolled in the University of Oklahoma, according to a census report just made by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. The total number of members of the leading church taking work in the state school is 273. Thirty six others have preference for the same church.

The Methodist Episcopal church stands second in the student body, with 207 college men and women members and 29 others preferring that church. There are 216 students who are either members of the Baptist church or prefer that organization; 223 Christians; 189 M. E. South; 43 Catholics; and a smaller number of other faiths.

Seventy-nine and a half per cent of all students in the university are members of some church and three fourths of those who are members have a definite church preference.

The Christian atmosphere is declared to be far stronger at the University of Oklahoma than at the average college or university. More than half of the students are active members of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

Limit To Coal Shrinkage.

A corporation commission order just issued notifies railroads that excessive shrinkage in coal after passing the last track scale on route will not be tolerated. Transportation rules assume weight at last scales to be fair but this order declares such weights no barrier to a fine in the face of proper proof of different weights at destination.

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